

Vermillion is celebrating its sesquicentennial with a variety of events including tours of the newly completed Vermillion City Hall, a community barbeque, school reunions and dances, a 5K Fun Run/Walk, an airshow, and a concert by Ratingen Youth Wind Orchestra from Vermillion's Sister City of Ratingen, Germany. These activities will serve as a reminder of the shared history of the community and bring the tight-knit people of Vermillion even closer together. Vermillion is holding a flag design contest to pay additional tribute to this historic milestone. The city has previously unveiled its official sesquicentennial logo, designed by Erin Helsa, a 2006 graduate of Vermillion High School.

As a native of Vermillion, I am pleased to publicly honor the achievements of this wonderful South Dakota community as they reach this juncture. I congratulate the citizens of Vermillion on their accomplishments over the last 150 years and look forward to seeing their future endeavors.●

ANNIVERSARY OF FARMERS STATE BANK IN HOSMER, SOUTH DAKOTA

● Mr. JOHNSON. Mr. President, with great honor, I wish to recognize the 90th anniversary of Farmers State Bank in Hosmer, SD.

After being chartered in 1919, Farmers State Bank opened its doors to the public on August 2, 1920. In the following years, Farmers State Bank was able to withstand the Great Depression and operate on a sound basis. In 1931, it consolidated with Hillview State Bank and stayed under the Farmers State Bank name. John, Arthur, and Helen Haerter were among the bank's first stockholders and served as the first president, vice president, and cashier, respectively. Throughout its history, the bank has remained within the Haerter family. Today, the current members of the board of directors are Bruce Haerter, Joyce Haerter, John A. Haerter, Doris Haerter, and John Schwan.

After 90 years of growth, Farmers State Bank still embodies the entrepreneurial health of South Dakota and the spirit of community in our local lending institutions. I strongly commend all the Farmers State Bank's employees on their years of hard work and dedication, and I am very pleased that the institution and its people are being publicly honored and celebrated on this memorable occasion.●

RECOGNIZING DEBORAH WEINSTEIN

● Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Mr. President, I wish to recognize Deborah Weinstein, executive director of the Coalition on Human Needs, for her leadership and commitment to the needs of low-income and other vulnerable populations.

On July 29, the coalition will honor Ms. Weinstein for her extraordinary 30-

plus years of advocacy work on a wide range of issues at both the State and Federal level. Throughout her distinguished career, Debbie Weinstein has been a tireless advocate for children, families, and those Americans most in need. She has been an architect of various coalitions, which is essential in promoting and enacting good public policy.

Over the years, I have been proud to work with Debbie and the Coalition on Human Needs on programs of mutual interest and concern like the earned income tax credit, child support enforcement, child nutrition, child care, and temporary assistance for needy families, TANF. The outreach and work of the coalition under Ms. Weinstein's strong leadership has played an important role in educating grassroots advocates and helping them convey their beliefs to policymakers on the Hill. It is an important role that has been done quite well for many years by Debbie Weinstein.

As executive director of the Coalition on Human Needs, Debbie has earned the respect and support of her colleagues. Recognition by ones peers is a strong endorsement indeed. It is my honor and privilege today to recognize Debbie Weinstein's compassion for the most vulnerable among us, and I thank her for that commitment.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1121. An act to authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1376. An act to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2770. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and update provisions of law relating to nonprofit research and education corporations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3155. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain caregivers of veterans with training, support, and medical care, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3219. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to insurance and health care, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1121. An act to authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 1376. An act to establish the Waco Mammoth National Monument in the State of Texas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 2770. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify and update provisions of law relating to nonprofit research and education corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3155. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide certain caregivers of veterans with training, support, and medical care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

H.R. 3219. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs relating to insurance and health care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-2478. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dichloromid; Time Limited Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8422-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2479. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Ethylene oxide adducts of 2,3,7,9-tetramethyl-5-decynediol, the ethylene oxide content averages 3.5, 10, or 30 moles; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 8425-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2480. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fenpyroximate, Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 8420-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on July 24, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-2481. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "N,N,N',N'-Tetrakis-(2-